

IN THE YEAR 200X, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN WAS CREATED BY DR.LIGHT TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR.WILY. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

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PREVIOUSLY

When Dr. Light first unveiled his series of ROBOT MASTERS, he hoped to push the boundaries of advanced robotics and create a race of beings that would work to build a better world. Little did he know the corrupt Dr. Wily would use Light's technology to unleash terror upon the very people they were meant to help and protect. That's when a helpful lab assistant robot named Rock volunteered to become a hero of the defenseless, and a challenger of evil. A super fighting robot named MEGA MAN!



Mega Man has defeated Dr. Wily's evil plans for a second time, and the insane doctor has now, unbeknownst to Mega Man, retreated to the Amazon Jungle.

Without Wily around to disturb the peace, Rock and his family headed down to the A.R.T.S. convention where Dr. Light has reunited with fellow scientists, Dr. Cossack and Dr. LaLinde. Each former colleague has brought along **their** advanced robot assitants, **PHARAOH MAN** and **QUAKE WOMAN**. Things

got tense when Dr. Light and Dr. LaLinde squared off in a staged debate, but got even worse when a terrorist group calling themselves the **EMERALD SPEARS** took the entire convention hostage!

> Led by activist Harvey Greenleaf and his short-tempered associate, Xander Payne, the Emerald Spears are on a mission to rid the world of advanced robotics!

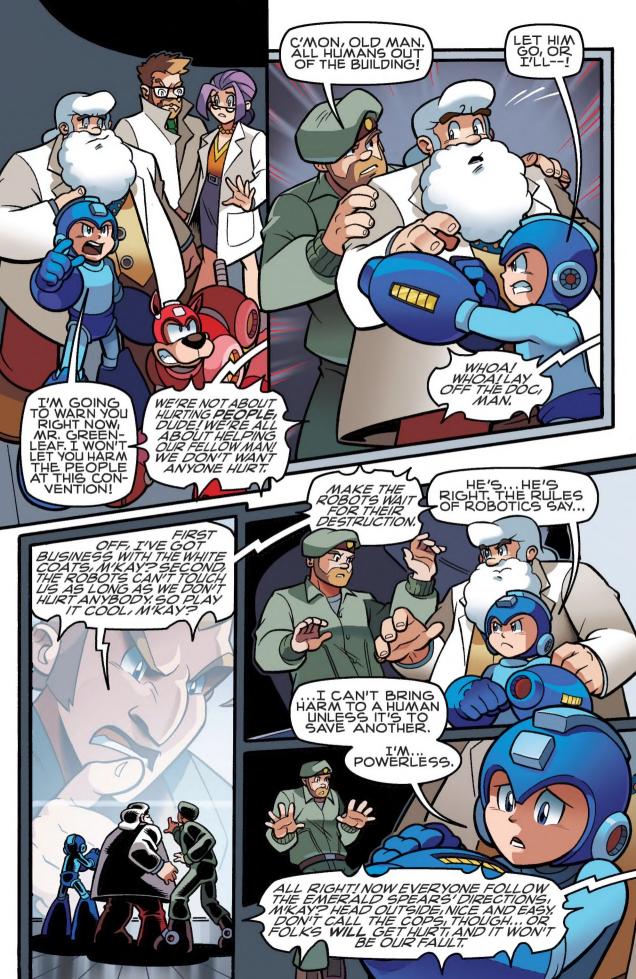
It's up to Mega Man to save the convention before he and his kind **become extinct...**

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Things are going From bad to worse! Time IS RUNNING OUT FOR MEGA MAN AND THE ROBOT MASTERS! CAN DR. LIGHT AND HIS COLLEAGUES SWAY XANDER? THE TENSION MOUNTS NEXT ISSUE!

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LISTEN UP, DOCTORS. MY NAME IS XANDER PAYNE. I'VE JUST PROMOTED MYSELF TO THE HEAD OF THE EMERALD SPEARS. I'LL GIVE YOU THIS SECOND TO MAKE PEACE WITH YOURSELVES. THEN IT'S ALL OVER FOR YOU AND YOUR PRECIOUS ROBOTS.

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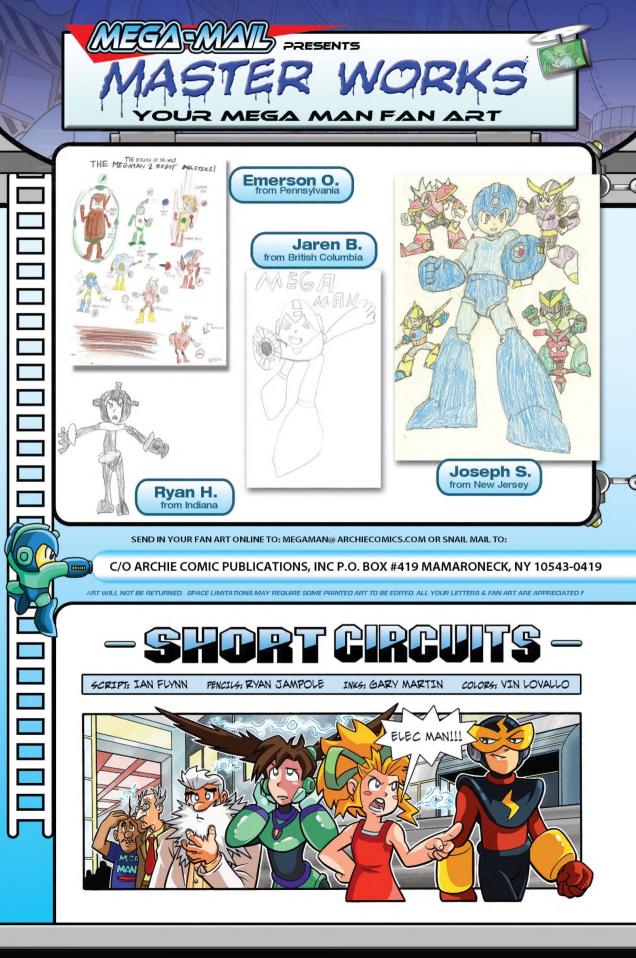


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Dear Mega-Mail,

I like your comics a lot. But I just started reading them. I have written to you before, and I didn't get in the comic. So I'm taking another shot.

Let this be a lesson to all you Mega-fans out there -- keep writing in and you'll get printed sooner or later!

Now on to the questions/ comments.

You got it!

1) If Mega Man is a robot, how does he have feelings?

Ah. this is the central theme to the story arc you're reading at this very moment ---"Spiritus Ex Machina" which means "Spirit of the Machine"! Can a robot feel feelings? Some would argue that Dr. Light programmed emotions into his creations, so Mega Man is simply running **REALLY** advanced programming when he appears to feel feelings. But who's to say humans aren't simply running REALLY **REALLY** sophisticated programming when WE feel feelings?

2) Can we see more of Agent Krantz? She was so cool!

She'll be back! And soon! *cough* next issue *cough*

3) Who's the one answering all these questions?

Wouldn't you like to know?! :p 4) Could you make a back story on how Doctor Light and Doctor Wily met?

I'm not one for spoilers, but you may or may not be happy to know that this request may or may not be addressed in an upcoming issue(s) of Mega Man! Stay tuned!

> That's all for now. Keep up the great work! Fiona sent to MegaMan@ archiecomics.com

Thanks, Fiona! Write in an let us know what you think of "Spiritus" so far!

Dear Mega Mail,

I have read the Mega Man comic books since they hit shelves and I love it. I was wondering after reading issue 12, in which issue will the blue bomber's big brother, Proto Man, appear? I can't wait to read it.

> Signed, Stacey G sent to MegaMan@ archiecomics.com

Boy are YOU going to be happy, Stacey! We've got a doozy in store for you in the near future -- with some major hints dropped in the very next issue! Read on! And thanks for the letter!

Dear Mega Mail, I've just finished reading issues 1-4 and let me tell you that I've been waiting for this since I was a little child and played those games, now thanks to you I have fulfilled one of my dreams, the art is great!!

Glad we could help! And remember, you can get all caught up on the issues since #4 at the Mega Man comic shop @ archiecomics.com! We've got ya covered!

The story, OMG, is exactly like the game except for some small details, can't wait to see the other issues! My only complaint is that it takes so much time for a digital graphic novel to be released.

Fear not! Mega Man comics are available digitally and are updated regularly! You can download the entire series now using the Archie Comics App or on websites like Comixology! It's just like when Mega Man downloads a new Robot Master's power...but with more awesome!

Like Bass said in the short circuits issue 4 "WE DEMAND MORE MEGA MAN COMICS!"

- Allen V. sent to MegaMan@ archiecomics.com

Thanks, Allen, very glad to see that you thoroughly enjoyed Mega Man volume 1 graphic novel!

We'll see y'all back here next issue!

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